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Rolling Thunder Flame of Freedom riders will stop in Franklin from 4 to 7 p.m. today.

The Rolling Thunder Flame of Freedom ride will stop at Harley Davidson Cool Springs from 4 to 7 p.m. today as it makes its way to Washington, D.C.

The Flame of Freedom, sanctioned by Rolling Thunder Inc., is a cross-country motorcycle ride to raise awareness that many American prisoners of war were left behind after previous wars and to protect future veterans from being left behind.

The Franklin stop will include music and food from Jim 'n' Nick's Bar-B-Q. Each year, more than 900,000 people attend a related POW-MIA event held in Washington each Memorial Day Weekend.

The cross-country motorcycle journey will run through May 25, with riding clubs at media stops supporting the core group of Rolling Thunder Riders. The 15-day journey started Sunday in Springfield, MO., and has stopped each day in different cities.

On Thursday, the ride will stop in Knoxville, Pigeon Forge and Newport, Tenn. Upcoming stops are scheduled for North Carolina and Virginia